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SUBJECT: PLO AND RESOLUTION 242

REFERENCE: BEIRUT 3996 (NOTAL-BEING REPEATED TO OTHER
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TO SAY NOTHING OF SHARP DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ARABS AND
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-- AT THE SAME TIME, OUR SUPPORT OF THE "PALESTINIAN HOME-

AND" CONCEPT REPRESENTED A SIGNIFICANT MOVE ON OUR PART AND, JUDGING FROM THE STRONGLY ADVERSE ISRAELI REACTION, HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED AS SUCH BY THEM. IN TAKING THIS POSITION, WE HAVE IN EFFECT RECOGNIZED THAT THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IS NOT JUST A REFUGEE ISSUE BUT ONE INVOLVING THE POLITICAL STATUS OF THE PALESTINIANS. WE HAVE, IN OTHER WORDS, ADDED THIS ISSUE AS ONE OF THE CO-EQUAL CORE ISSUES OF A SETTLEMENT TO THE TWO ISSUES OF PEACE AND WITHDRAWAL WHICH CONSTITUTE THE BASIC ELEMENTS OF RESOLUTION 242.

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